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SUBJ: CIVAIR: SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND AIRWAYS (SPIA)

REF: A. DEPARTMENT'S 125129

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1. ON JUNE 23, '75 EMBASSY RECEIVED REPLY TO ITS  
DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. 32 DATED MAY 13, 1975 TO GOVERNMENT OF  
WESTERN SAMOA (GWS) CONCERNING INCLUSION OF PROTECTIVE OWNERSHIP  
PROVISION IN OPERATING PERMIT OF SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND  
AIRWAYS. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE RECEIVED FROM GOWS:

" THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT  
OF WESTERN SAMOA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE  
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS  
THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NR 32  
DATED MAY 13, 1975. THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT  
ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF NOTE NR 32 AND ADVISES THAT  
THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA ACCEPTS AND  
WILL INCLUDE A SUITABLE PROVISIO IN THE OPERATING  
PERMIT OF SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND AIRWAYS REGARDING  
OWNERSHIP.

"THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT HOWEVER REFERS  
THE EMBASSY TO ITS NOTE DATED 12 MARCH, 1975  
WHEREIN IT REQUESTS CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN REPRE-  
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SENTATIVES OF TH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

STATE AND CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN UNDERSTANDING REACHED AT THEIR DISCUSSIONS HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., IN OCTOBER, 1972. THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IF THE REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

"THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

2. PRIME MINISTER TAMASESE ARRIVED AUCKLAND EARLY THIS WEEK FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. EXPECTED LENGTH OF STAY IN NEW ZEALAND IS TWO WEEKS. COMATT TELEPHONED PRIMIN'S SECRETARY IN AUCKLAND TO INQUIRE WHETHER GWS STILL VIEWS FORMAL USG/GWS CONSULTATIONS AS PREREQUISITE FOR ISSUANCE PERMIT. COMATT EMPHASIZED THAT USG IS OF OPINION THAT AFTER ECON COUNSELOR HARTWICK/GWS DISCUSSION, INCORPORATION OF PROTECTIVE CLAUSE WOULD ENABLE GWS TO ISSUE SPIA'S PERMIT "IN TIMELY MANNER". HE ALSO NOTED THAT POLYNESIAN'S PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO TERMINATION NOVEMBER 1, 1975 IF RECIPROCAL RIGHTS NOT IN FORCE. SECRETARY ADVISED HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH PRIMIN AT FIRST PRACTICABLE OPPORTUNITY.

3. FYI: LEOTA ALE, PRIMIN'S SECRETARY WHO ATTENDED OCTOBER 1972 MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, ADVISED THAT PRIMIN TAMASESE UNHAPPY WITH WAY GEORGE WRAY HAS PUT PRESSURE ON GWS. HE SAID WRAY HAS AT TIMES REPRESENTED HIMSELF AS SPOKESMAN FOR STATE DEPARTMENT IN HIS EFFORTS TO HASTEN ISSUANCE OF PERMIT. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY NOT IN POSITION TO COMMENT ON WRAY'S DIRECT DEALINGS WITH GWS, IT APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT A PERSONALITY CONFLICT EXISTS WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO PROBLEM. THIS MAY CONTRIBUTE TO GWS DESIRE FOR FORMAL CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE PERMIT (PLUS MORE OBVIOUS BENEFIT TO GWS OF ADDITIONAL DELAY).

4. ON PRESUMPTION THAT GWS IS DETERMINED TO USE REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS AS EXCUSE FOR FURTHER DELAYING ISSUANCE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERMIT TO SPIA, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHICH TO BASE FORMAL RESPONSE TO GWS'S NOTE.  
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